

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to applicant's communication filed on 12/20/2011 in response to PTO Office Action mailed 07/20/2011.
2. In response to the previous Office Action, claim 1 has been amended, and claims 11-20 have been added. In this Examiner's amendment, claims 16-20 are canceled. Claims 1-15 are pending in this office action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Prepelka, Nathan (Registration No. 43016) on Jan. 26, 2012.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claim:

Claims 12 and 16-20 have been amended as follows:

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A system for providing lyrics for a plurality of digital audio files, comprising: at least one terminal configured to select a digital audio file among digital audio files using a reproducing time period to identify a unique file, and transmitting tag information having ID tag information and the

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reproducing time period of the selected digital audio file, wherein the reproducing time period is the length of the digital audio file; a server configured to retrieve lyrical data corresponding to the digital audio file on the basis of the ID tag information and the reproducing time period transmitted from the terminal, wherein the server is further configured to transmit the retrieved lyrical data to the terminal, and wherein the lyrical data is distinguished from other lyrical data associated with at least one other digital audio file having in common at least a portion of the tag information associated with the digital audio file such that the length of the digital audio file distinguishes the digital audio file from other digital audio files having in common at least a portion of the tag information associated with the digital audio file; and a database (DB) server configured to store lyrical data previously synchronized with the corresponding digital audio files and classified by the ID tag information and the reproducing time period of the digital audio files, and wherein the database server is further configured to transmit such lyrical data in response to a request from the server.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled).

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Prior art of record do not teach the combination of claimed elements including the steps of transmitting tag information having ID tag information and the reproducing time period of the selected digital audio file, wherein the reproducing time period is the length of the digital audio file; a server configured to retrieve

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lyrical data corresponding to the digital audio file on the basis of the ID tag information and the reproducing time period transmitted from the terminal, and wherein the server is further configured to transmit the retrieved lyrical data to the terminal, and wherein the lyrical data is identified from at least two lyrical data files related to different digital audio files having in common at least a portion of ID tag information in order and as well as other previous intervening limitations in the claims to efficiently providing lyrics for a plurality of digital audio files as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance.”

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YUK CHOI whose telephone number is (571) 270-1637. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571) 272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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